

Black Vulture in Steuben County, N. Y.—A Correction.—In 'The Auk,' Volume XXVII, page 208, will be found a note by me on the taking of a Turkey Vulture in northern Steuben Co., N. Y., on July 11, 1909. Mr. Cowan, in whose possession the specimen was, told me about it and I had faith in his judgment as he had Chapman's 'Handbook' and I had cautioned him to be sure of the identification. I have since had the pleasure of examining the specimen and find it to be without a doubt a Black Vulture (*Catharista uruba*). I regret that the error was made and my note written but am glad to be able to make the correction and record the specimen, as it seems to be the first record of the Black Vulture for Steuben County and the fourth for western New York.—VERDI BURTCH, *Branchport, N. Y.*

Black Vulture in Virginia.—In looking over some back numbers of 'The Auk,' I came across Mr. John W. Daniels, Jr.'s 'Notes on the Black Vulture (*Catharista uruba*) in Virginia' (Vol. XIX, p. 397), extending the range of this bird northward to Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties. Within the last four or five years these birds have been regular summer visitors to York, Elizabeth City and Warwick Counties, on the north side of James River, a few pairs breeding in the last named county.—H. H. BAILEY, *Newport News, Va.*

A Fourth South Carolina Record for the Saw-Whet Owl (*Cryptoglaux acadica*).—I am indebted to my friend, Mr. James P. Garick, Jr., of Weston, Richland County, for the gift of an adult female of this species, which was captured alive by him in his yard on November 11, 1909. Mr. Garick writes me that it was taken from a hollow of a tree about 100 yards from his house. It was first observed by his cook, who reported it to him, and he immediately secured it. The early date on which the bird was taken seems to warrant the belief that this species is a regular although rare winter visitor, and not of mere casual occurrence, its nocturnal habits making it difficult of detection.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, S. C.*

Breeding of the Barn Owl.—Mr. Arthur T. Wayne has published an account¹ of the finding of a set of eggs of the Barn Owl (*Aluco pratincola*) on this coast during the month of September. He also refers to Audubon's discovery of a nest containing young birds which he (Audubon) concluded were hatched in September. Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson² records this bird as breeding on the coast of South Carolina in April. In view of this a recent record (confirmatory of Mr. Wayne's account) may be of interest.

On September 24, 1910, after rowing across the Ashley River from Charleston, I landed at the Wappoo Fertilizer Mills, an abandoned and much

¹ Auk, XXV, 1908, pp. 21-24.

² Auk, XXV, 1908, pp. 316, 317.